



**Policy Attachment: Interdependent Living Plan-Attachment 1**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment Protocol</b>
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**Additional Information:**

## FAQs Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA)

Youth 14 years of age and up are to have a life skills assessment completed at least annually. The assessment we are primarily using is the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA) that can be found on line at [www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org). This assessment is based on developmental age rather than chronological age. There are two sections, one for youth and one for caregiver. The long-form versions of the ACLSA should be used. The ACLSA Assessment Supplements can be administered when it's identified that youth have specific life skill needs.

If you do not have access to a computer, the ACLSA can also be printed off so the youth &/or caregiver can take the assessment; then the FSW can key it in the computer for results. The computer will process and provide immediate results. The results can be reviewed against Benchmark Data available on the website, so you can see how an individual youth's responses compare with national averages for others with similar demographic characteristics. These are available here:  
[http://www.caseylifeskills.org/pages/assess/assess\\_benchmark.htm](http://www.caseylifeskills.org/pages/assess/assess_benchmark.htm)

It is extremely important that the results (Strengths and Concerns) are discussed with the youth and caregiver, and must be used to develop goals in the IL section of the permanency plan, non-custodial plans or in the Post-Custody ILP. Information and tools (such as the Life Skills Guidebook) are available on the website that can help you, the youth and the youth's team address the applicable areas of these plans. These are available here:

[http://www.caseylifeskills.org/pages/lp/lp\\_quick\\_start.htm](http://www.caseylifeskills.org/pages/lp/lp_quick_start.htm)

A copy of the ACLSA results should be filed in the youth's case file.

Please use the child's first name, middle initial, and last name where it asks for the youth ID (no worries, this is a highly secure website). Caregivers completing the assessment need to do this within 42 days of the youth's assessment and the same youth ID needs to be used.

Please ensure that when you use the ACLSA, you indicate the ORGANIZATION ID- for example, if you are a DCS FSW in the East Region, the organization ID is TNDCEAST. If you are a private agency staff person such as Omni in the Knox region, your organization ID would be TNDCKNOXOMNI. The beginning of the Organization ID MUST be TNDCS.

You will also see a place for e-mail addresses-this is for copies of the assessment results to be sent to various people.

- ◆ Please be sure that one of the e-mail addresses you fill out is to the IL Program Specialist.

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ACLSA Website: [www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org)

ACLSA Levels: Levels are based on the developmental age of the youth-see website for special explanation.

Youth ID: First name, Middle initial, last name

Organization ID: Organization IDs MUST begin with TNDCS

Org ID by DCS Region:

TNDCSDAV

TNDCSHAM

TNDCSSW

TNDCSNE

TNDCSSE

TNDCSUC

TNDCSSC

TNDCSMC

TNDCSSHELBY

TNDCSEAST

TNDCSKNOX

TNDCSNW

### **Data Received Upon Completion of ACLSA:**

- **Raw Data:** Combination of scores to all questions in category
- **Mastery Data:** Every time response is “very much like me” or “very much like the youth”
- **Performance Data:** What youth actually knows
- **Learning Plan:** Specific suggestions on how to strengthen areas of need. Developed via the guidelines contained in the Life Skills Guidebook.